



All Ukrainian international checkpoints equipped with control tools necessary to introduce visa-free regime with EU

27 December 2016 – Interfax

As of 27 December, Ukrainian State Border Guard Service (SBGS) has equipped all international checkpoints with necessary equipment. During the 2016, biometric control tools were installed in 53 additional checkpoints, secondary equipment was installed in 29 checkpoints, and 96 checkpoints were connected to the Interpol database, Viktor Nazarenko, the Head of SBGS, reported.

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Social media mock Ukraine-EU visa-free saga

15 December 2016 – Ukraine Today

Ukrainian society was deeply disappointed by the delay of the introduction of the visa-free regime with the EU. On 24 November EU-Ukraine summit took place in Brussels, but the long awaited expectations were not met because the topic of visa-free regime introduction was not even included into the agenda. After the wave of anger, the wave of bitter irony has risen in social media.

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Ukrainian government does not support initiative to relocate refugees under EU quotas

9 December 2016 – Interfax

At the end of 2016, Serhii Petukhov, Ukraine Deputy Justice Minister, suggested that Ukraine fulfills a quota of one of the EU member states for refugees' relocation, in exchange for receiving visa-free regime with the European Union. According to Volodymyr Groysman, Prime Minister of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers does not support this initiative.

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Ukraine and EU agree on financing four border cooperation programmes for EUR 365 mln

19 December 2016 – Interfax

The Government of Ukraine and the European Commission signed agreements on financing joint border cooperation programmes till 2020: "Ukraine-Romania", "Ukraine-Hungary-Slovakia-Romania", "Ukraine-Poland-Belarus" and "Black Sea Basin" under the European Neighbourhood Policy tool. This will facilitate joint projects on improvement of border districts infrastructure, support of border management and border security, migration management, environment protection over climate changes and disasters, and use of alternative energy.

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SBGS, IOM, US representatives sign road map to develop border service security

17 December 2016 – KyivPost

Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (SBGS) Viktor Nazarenko has discussed reformation and development of internal and own security divisions of the border authority with representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). As the result, the parties signed the road map to implement the relevant arrangements.

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Donbas people face tough living conditions (video)

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People who still live in the Donbas region are struggling to survive. The conflict in eastern Ukraine is in its third year and many do not believe that the warring parties are interested in resolving it.

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Jobless Ukrainians vulnerable to human trafficking (video)

21 December 2016 – Press TV

Amid a growing economic crisis, more Ukrainians fall victims to human trafficking, according to a recent report by the International Organization for Migration. Another factor is the conflict in eastern Ukraine, which caused the displacement of over a million people.

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Human trafficking in XXI century: “Dimensions³” thematic installation opened in Kyiv (video)

2 December 2016 – 5 News Channel

In Kyiv, on the occasion of the International Day for Abolition of Slavery, the International Organization for Migration has opened an installation DIMENSIONS³ to educate public on risks of human trafficking and motivate Ukrainian communities to join in the fight against human trafficking – a form of modern day slavery.

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